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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE

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FOR MATLOCK FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

SINCE THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO OUR REPEATED REQUESTS TO CLEAR THE DAO SHIPMENT, WE PLAN TO CALL IN VASEV JULY 7 PER OUR CABLE OF JULY 5 ON THIS SUBJECT AND ADVISE HIM OF OUR INTENTIONS. WE WILL INFORM HIM THAT THE EMBASSY WILL MAKE THE SAME PRESENTATION TO MFA ON JULY 7. PENDING YOUR CONCURRENCE, WE WILL ALSO TELL VASEV THAT THE EMBASSY WILL PLACE THE TWO CONTAINERS IN QUESTION IN FRONT OF THE CHANCERY AND OPEN THEM UNDER PROTEST TO PERMIT SOVIET CUSTOMS TO BE PRESENT WHEN THE CONTAINERS ARE OPENED. WE THINK THAT THIS IS THE BEST APPROACH TO TAKE. WE WILL STRESS THE INCONVENIENCE INVOLVED IN HANDLING THE CONTAINERS AND THEN REQUEST THAT SOVIET CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES CONTACT THE EMBASSY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE JULY 10 TO ARRANGE A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME  
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FOR THE OPENING OF THE CONTAINERS. FINALLY, WE WILL STATE THAT THE EMBASSY WILL PROCEED TO OPEN AND UNLOAD THE CONTAINERS WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF SOVIET CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IF THE EMBASSY RECEIVES NO WORD FROM CUSTOMS BY, SAY, COB JULY 11. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU CONCUR BY OOB WASHINGTON TIME, JULY 7. VANCE

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